

additional police force, it is receiving active consideration of the Govt. of India.

(c) and (d). Law and Order is a State subject and it is expected that the Government of Haryana will do all it can to maintain peace.

### **Terrorists released in Jammu and Kashmir**

1624. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir who have been released without prosecution during each of the last three years;

(b) the grounds on which they have been released; and

(c) the number of terrorists in the State against whom cases have been filed in the courts and the number of such terrorists who have been penalised during the above period.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) to (c). The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has advised that 299 persons in 1989, 2360 in 1990, 2549 in 1991 and 286 in 1992 (upto 15th February, 1992) were arrested in terrorism related crimes. Of them 69 in 1989, 599 in 1990, 366 in 1991 and 68 in 1992 (upto 15th February) have been released under 169 of the State Criminal Procedure Code (due to the lack of sufficient evidence).

[English]

### **Asean's Declaration of Sectoral Dialogue Partner States to India**

1625. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR:  
SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) had declared India a sectoral dialogue partner with observer's status;

(b) if so, the role to be played by India being such a partner;

(c) whether this declaration would strengthen India's relationship with ASEAN ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (d). The Summit level meeting of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) that met in Singapore from 27-28 January 1992 approved that India would be a sectoral dialogue partner of ASEAN. The sectoral dialogue is expected to commence as soon as modalities for these are mutually finalised.

The sectoral dialogue will strengthen India's economic cooperation in various fields with the ASEAN countries, including in the areas of trade, human resource development, science and technology and tourism.

### **Gas Pipeline between Bombay and Manmad**

1626. SHRI ARVIND TULSIRAM KAMBLE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in laying gas pipeline between Bombay and Manmad; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to extend this pipeline to Aurangabad or Marathwada region?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):** (a) There is no proposal to lay a gas pipeline between Bombay and Manmad.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Influx of persons from neighbouring Countries**

**1627. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the influx of persons from Myanmar, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the number thereof, country-wise

(c) whether the Government have held any talks with these countries for their repatriation; and

if so, the number of them repatriated so far?

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There has been a large scale influx, over the years, of Bangladeshi nationals into India; this includes approximately 53,000 Chakma refugees. During 1988, some refugees from Myanmar crossed over to Mizoram and Manipur; during January 1992, over 200 Myanmar Naga refugees crossed into

Nagaland. Over 20,000 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees have been in India.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Voluntary repatriation of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees commenced from 20 January, 1992; 4049 refugees were repatriated upto 22 February, 1992 and the repatriation is continuing. Around 00 refugees from Myanmar have already returned to their villages. However, Chakma refugees from Bangladesh have declined to go back as they fear for their safety and security.

#### **Transfer of Cost of Production Scheme on VFC Tobacco**

**1628. SHRIMATI VAŞUNDHARA RAJE:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to transfer the cost of production scheme on VFC Tobacco in Andhra Pradesh to the agro-Economic Research Centre/Tobacco Board was under the consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the decision?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The decision has already been taken to transfer the VFC Tobacco Scheme from Dte. of Tobacco Development Madras to AER Centre, Waltair, Andhra University.

(c) The modalities and other procedural details of the transfer deed are being worked in consultation with all concerned. However, these modalities would depend on the terms conditions of the transfer deed.